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SUBJECT: UNDP 17TH GC - REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR ON PROJECTS
APPROVED (AGENDA ITEM 4(B))

1. SUMMARY. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 16 TOOK NOTE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS OF PROJECTS APPROVED , AS SUBMITTED TO GC FOR INFORMATION UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM. FIFTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN DISCUSSIONS. U.S. DELEGATION EXPRESSED CONCERN RE POSSIBLE LACK OF COORDINATION IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATION PROJECTS, AND RESERVATIONS RE ADVISABILITY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT DESCRIBED DP/39. SWEDEN AND OTHERS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS RE APPROVAL PROJECTS FOR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL SAID UNDP WOULD TAKE NOTE OF CONCERNS AND RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL CALLED ATTENTION OF GC TO DOCUMENT DP/16, "REPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR ON PROJECTS APPROVED" UNDER ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORITY SINCE HIS REPORT TO LAST GC SESSION. REPORT PRESENTED GC MEMBER FOR INFORMATION THIS SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSENSUS AND DECISIONS 15TH AND 16 TH GC SESSION. REPORTS ALSO PRESENTED ON PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE FOR GLOBAL PROJECTS:
DP/35 FOR PROMOTION OF LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT (INTERNATIONAL
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LABORATORY FOR RESEARCH AND ANIMAL DISEASES (GLO/73/003) AND

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK CENTER FOR AFRICA (BLO/73/005) AND DP/38 GLOBAL PROJECT FOR PROMOTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (GLO/73/008)). ADMINISTRATOR ALSO ASKED FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF HYPOTHEITICAL UNDP ASSISTANCE (DP/39) TO ANY UNNAMED COUNTRY TO FINANCE A SUBCONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR OPERATING NEW PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF "COMMODITY OF KEY IMPORTANCE".

3. COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS -- FIFTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN PROJECT DISCUSSIONS. INDIA, IRAQ, PAKISTAN CALLED FOR CARRY-OVER UNUSED IPF'S THIS PROGRAMMING CYCLE INTO NEXT CYCLE. BRAZIL, NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED MORE EMPHASIS ON GLOBAL PROJECTS IN FIELDS OTHER THAN AGRICULTURE. SWEDEN, FINLAND, USSR, SOME OTHERS EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS RE ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL TO TWO LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS FOR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND SOME EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SOUTH KOREA, CAMBODIA AND ISRAEL. COMMENTS RE GLOBAL PROJECTS IN DP/35 (LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT) AND DP/38 (EDUCATION) BY CANADA, PHILIPPINES AND OTHERS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. U.S. DELEGATION (VAN DYKE) NOTED USG ASSISTANCE THESE THREE GLOBAL PROJECTS. RE PROJECTS APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATOR ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (DP/16), U.S. DELEGATION ADVISED UNDP ADMINISTRATION BY LETTER OF USG DESIRE BE INFORMED CONCERNING ALL PROPOSALS FOR INTERREGIONAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS RELATING TO MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR APPROVAL SO IT COULD MAKE APPROPRIATE COMMENTS. BELIEVED ESSENTIAL THAT THESE PROJECTS BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF TOTAL EFFORTS TOWARD MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN MTN BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PIECEMEAL APPROACH RUNS RISK OF DUPLICATION AND NON-COMPLEMENTARY EFFORTS. U.S. DELEGATION IN PLENARY REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM UNCTAD OBSERVER CONCERNING MTN PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AND ON RELATIONSHIP OF PRESENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS. U.S. DELEGATION ALSO VOICED CONCERN RE PROJECT DESCRIBED DP/39. SAID, AS GENERAL RULE, MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS FOR NEW PRODUCTIVE ENTERPRISES ARE FUNDED BY BANKING INSTITUTIONS AND ARE INCLUDED WHEN PROJECT LOANS ARE MADE BY THE WORLD BANK OR A REGIONAL BANK. BELIEVES GC SHOULD HAVE MORE TIME EXAMINE THIS QUESTION AND REVIEW IMPORTANT POLICY IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED AS PROVIDED FOR IN UNCLASSIFIED

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4. PATEL THANKED DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR COMMENTS. SAID UNDP WOULD TAKE NOTE OF CONCERNS AND RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED ON CERTAIN PROJECTS. ASKED UNCTAD OBSERVER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO U.S. DELEGATION ON MTN PROJECTS. GC BY CONSENSUS "TOOK NOTE" OF APPROVAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY ADMINISTRATOR AS DESCRIBED IN REPORTS SUBMITTED TO GC UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM.

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